

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word process, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Lowe, Joshua, House

other names CE-868

2. Location

street & number 35 New Bridge Road

☐ not for publication

city or town Rising Sun

☒ vicinity

state MD

code MD

County Cecil

code 015

zip code 21911

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments).


Signature of certifying office/Title

2-21-01
Date

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments).

Signature of certifying office/Title _____

Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

☐ entered in the National Register.

☐ See continuation sheet.

☐ determined eligible for the National Register.

☐ See continuation sheet.

☐ Determined not eligible for the National Register.

☐ removed from the National Register.

☐ other (explain): _____

Signature of the Keeper _____

Date of Action _____

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		Buildings
		Sites
	1	Structures
		Objects
1	1	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

N/A

number of contributing resource previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function of Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

EARLY REPUBLIC: Federal

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE

walls BRICK

roof ASPHALT

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ☒ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern of our history.
- ☒ B Property associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property as yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply)

Property is:

- ☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(State the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

or Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets)

Previous documentation on files (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey

- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

Area of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Commerce

Period of Significance

1830-1908

Significant Dates

1830; 1838; 1880; 1908

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Lowe, Joshua; Lowe, Silas

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of repository:

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National Park Service

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Description Summary:

Constructed c. 1830, the Joshua Lowe House is a two-story, center passage plan brick building located on New Bridge Road just east of the crossroads village of Rock Springs in Cecil County, Maryland.

General Description:

The two-story house is three bays wide by two bays deep, and faces south. A two-story, two-bay by two-bay ell extends to the rear; this section is contemporaneous with the main block. Later 19th century shed-roofed porches are found on the south and west facades. A 20th century single-story addition occupies the reentrant corner of the ell.

The house is built of brick laid in seven-course common bond above an uncoursed stone basement. The medium-pitched gable roof is covered in asphalt shingles. There are two interior end chimney stacks. The east chimney is stuccoed, while the brick remains exposed on the west. A three-course brick cornice extends across each façade. The fenestration is symmetrical and the window sash are six-over-six with plain trim and extended sills and lintels. The main entrance has paneled reveals, a six-raised-panel door and a three-light transom.

The front porch roof is supported by Victorian turned posts, and decorated with sawtooth edged boards at the ends and corner brackets with a star motif. A railing extends around the porch.

On the east side, the building has been partially stuccoed, and a basement entrance has been installed in the center of the main block. A mid-20th century shed-roofed frame addition replaces an earlier frame wing that was two stories high. The present addition incorporates a dining room and bathroom.

The north gable end is detailed with plain barge boards and a common bond chimney stack.

The west side of the house has a one-bay late 19th century porch which is similar to the front porch, but smaller. The fenestration is symmetrical, with four bays on the first floor and four on the second. A door is located in the second bay from the north which permits access into the ell. The windows have six-over-six lights and extended sills and lintels. Two four-pane attic windows flank the chimney stack. A modern exterior stack has been added.

The interior retains a relatively high degree of integrity. The main entrance opens into a central passage with an enclosed dog-leg stair. A small closet is located below the stair and a six-raised-panel door is framed with a plain surround. A single room is found on either side of the passage.

To the west is the present living room, with an open fireplace and c. 1830 mantel piece. The mantel has late Federal characteristics with fluted pilasters supporting a two-panel frieze with a central division block. Above

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the frieze is a bed molding which supports a heavy mantel shelf. A chair rail encircles the room; it is fairly plain, with a small half-round bead at the top. A drawer is located directly below the northwest window and incorporated into the chair rail.

The east room in the main block is presently the kitchen. Here the window and door surrounds have slightly peaked heads, reminiscent of Egyptian Revival design. This room never had an open fireplace; only a stove stack is present.

The original kitchen probably was located in the first floor of the ell. This room contains a large fireplace with a plain mantel shelf and frieze. Cupboards flank the chimney stack.

The second floor of the main block has very plain window and door surrounds. Four-panel doors and Victorian period hardware including porcelain doorknobs remain in place. The southwest bedroom features a small Empire mantel. The attic stair is enclosed.

Also on the property is a small frame gazebo of recent date.

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Statement of Significance:

The Joshua Lowe House is significant in its local context as one of the earliest and most substantial buildings in the crossroads village of Rock Springs. The c. 1830 brick house is a well-preserved representative example of the influence of the late Federal style on the domestic vernacular architecture of rural Cecil County. It retains a relatively high degree of integrity, with its exterior and much of its interior decorative detailing essentially intact. Its architectural significance is enhanced by the survival of an 1865 document identifying the uses of the rooms, a rare insight into the vernacular architecture of the period. The building derives additional significance from its association with the development of commerce and communication in rural Cecil County. Its builder, Joshua Lowe, was the first Postmaster of Rock Springs, and the house served as the first post office for the community from 1830 to 1838. The Lowe family were prominent in local commerce and owned much of the surrounding real estate. According to local tradition, the house functioned as a store as well as post office in the late 19th and early 20th century.

Resource History and Historic Context:

A post office was established for the community of Rock Springs on May 10, 1830, and Joshua Lowe (d. 1870) was named the first Postmaster. In rural areas in the nineteenth century, it was typical for the post office to be set up in the home of the Postmaster, and the Lowe House thus served this purpose during Joshua's term from 1830 to 1838. A series of other individuals subsequently held the position of Postmaster. In 1880, Joshua Lowe's son, Silas, assumed the job, and the Lowe House again functioned as the community post office until service was discontinued in 1908.

A biographical profile of Silas Lowe published in 1897 identified him as "one of the most prosperous farmers of Cecil County," working the 130-acre farm which had been established by his grandfather; in addition, he supervised the post office and operated a general store.

The Lowe House presents a rare exception to the general rule that county land records do not contain direct references to buildings on the property. An 1865 transfer of title reserves a life estate to one of the grantors (the aunt of the grantee):

... the use of two rooms in the brick house on said premises, one room up stairs the other down, situate on the north east corner of said house with the use of the Garret over said rooms, and free ingress and egress along the passage and up the stairs leading to said rooms and Garrett, and further privileges of the front yard next to the public road and the use of as much firewood as she may need ...

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Major Bibliographical References:

Smith, Chester M., Jr., and John L. Kay. The Postal History of Maryland. Burtonsville, MD: The Depot, [1984].

Paul B. Touart, "Lowe House, CE-868," Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties, Maryland Historical Trust, Crownsville, MD, 1978.

National Archives, Washington, DC

Cecil County Historical Society, Elkton, MD

Register of Wills of Cecil and Harford Counties

Land Records of Cecil County

Rock Springs Old School Baptist Church and Cemetery

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Verbal Boundary Description:

The boundaries of the nominated property are defined by New Bridge Road on the south, and by the gravel drive which encircles the house and domestic yard on the west, north, and east. The property is roughly rectangular in shape, measuring approximately 150' by 120'.

Boundary Justification:

The nominated property comprises the Lowe House within its immediate landscaped setting, and excludes recently-constructed agricultural buildings and open land that do not contribute directly to the significance of the resource.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet) Conowingo Dam, MD-PA quad

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	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
2				4			

☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Donna Willard

organization _____

date 8/99

street & number 35 New Bridge Road

telephone 410-658-4599

city or town Rising Sun

state Maryland

zip code 21911

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO)

name Roland J. and Donna M. Willard

street & number 35 New Bridge Road

telephone 410-658-4599

city or town Rising Sun

state MD

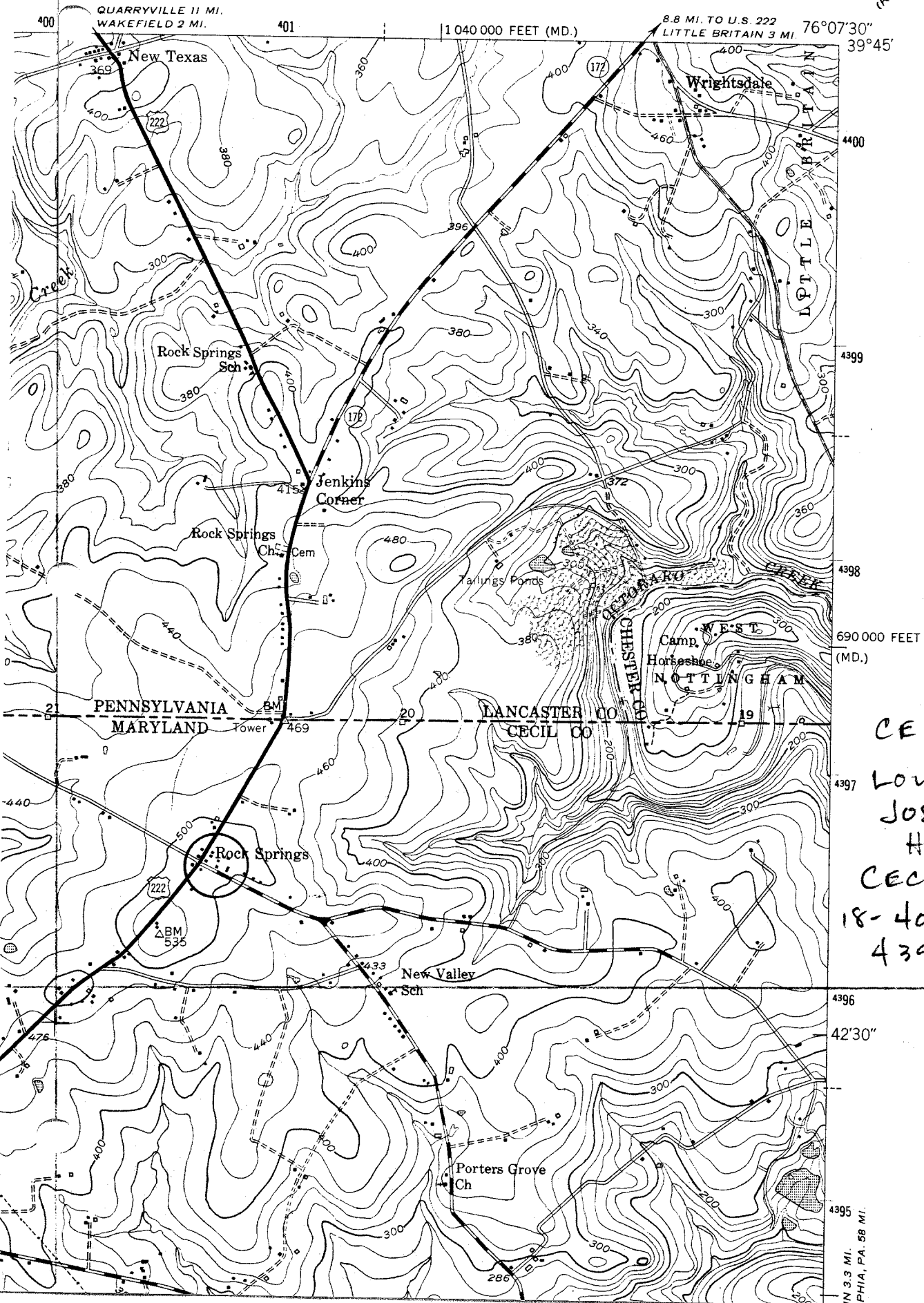
zip code 21911

Paperwork Reduction Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 *et. seq.*).

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MARYLAND—PENNSYLVANIA
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

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LOWE,
JOSHUA
HOUSE

CECIL CO. MD

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**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. CE 868

Magi No.

DOE ☒ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic The Lowe House

and/or common The Roland J. Willard House

2. Location

street & number East of Rock Springs Crossroads on Old Bridge Rd. not for publication

city, town Rock Springs _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 1

state Maryland _____ county Cecil

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Roland J. Willard

street & number 35 New Bridge Road telephone no.:

city, town Rising Sun state and zip code Maryland 21911-1114

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clerk of the Circuit Court liber WAS 332

street & number Cecil County Courthouse folio 659

city, town Elkton state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Lowe House

date September 6, 1978 _____ federal _____ state _____ county ☒ local

pository for survey records Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

Survey No. CE 868

Condition

☐ excellent

☒ good

☐ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SEE ATTACHED

Exterior

The Lowe House, located on Old Bridge Road, just east of Highway 222, Rock Springs, Maryland, is a 2 story, common bond brick, center hall residence. The main façade faces south and the gable roof is placed on an east/west axis. The main block measures 3 bays by 2 bays. A two-story, 2 bay ell section, contemporary with the main block, extends from the rear of the house. A 20th century shed roof addition is placed at the inside of the ell.

Resting on an uncoursed stone basement, the brick Lowe House features a row of headers for every 5 or 6 courses of stretchers (7 on the back of the ell). The gable roof has a medium pitch with a composition tile roof. A three- course brick cornice, partially obscured by a modern metal rain gutter, extends the length of each façade. Three interior stacks are placed at each gable end; the north and west stacks are exposed brick while the east stack has been covered with stucco. A modern exterior stretcher bond stack has been added to the west chimney.

A full-width one-story shed roof porch at the main façade, supported by Victorian-style turned posts with decorative jigsaw brackets, features an open wooden railing. Shed roof ends feature saw-tooth edged boards. Symmetrically placed fenestration features six-over-six, double-hung, sash with wooden surrounds, lug sills and lintels. Window units are protected by one-over-one storms. Wooden shutters are non-original. The centered main entrance, protected by a full-height glazed storm, consists of a six panel door set below a tripartite transom.

The west and east façades of the main block of the Lowe House display the same six-over-six fenestration as the main façade. Four pane attic windows flank the chimney at each façade. The east façade, fully stuccoed, also displays a centrally placed cellar entrance.

Partially exposed at the second story, the north façade of the main block has been stuccoed and is without any detailing.

A late 19th century shed roof porch, similar in detail to the porch of the main façade, is located at the west façade of the two-story brick ell unit. Fenestration is six-over-six, double-hung, sash and a single leaf door is placed at the ell's south bay. The north gable

end is without embellishment, while the east façade features a single double-hung window. The window at the south bay has been infilled with brick.

The 20th century shed roof frame addition to the rear of the house (at the inside of the ell) replaces an earlier two-story frame wing. Consisting of clapboard and unpainted cedar shingles, the addition features a sliding door, octagonal-shaped window (east façade), casement (east and south façades) and multipaned, double-hung fenestration (north façade).

Interior

(Description gleaned from the 1978 survey; physical condition of the interior was not verified as of January 2000 due to limited access to the property.)

It was reported in 1978 that the interior of the Lowe House had not been radically altered. The main entrance opens to an enclosed dogleg stair. Single rooms flank a central hall; to the west is a living room with an open fireplace and c. 1830-40 mantel. Late Federal in style, the mantel features fluted pilasters that support a two-panel frieze with a keystone. A continuous chair rail is crowned with a modest beaded half round. Incorporated into the chair rail and directly below the northwest window is a drawer. A small closet is located below the stair and a raised six-panel door is attached to the plain surround.

The modestly detailed east room of the main block presently houses the kitchen, although the original kitchen may have been located on first floor of the ell, which contains a large fireplace with a plain mantel shelf and frieze. Open and closed cupboards flank the chimney stack.

The second floor of the main block features plain window and door surrounds; a small Empire mantel is featured in the southwest bedroom.

Condition and Integrity

The Lowe House appears to be in good condition. It has maintained the majority of its historic features to convey its significance. Despite the modern addition to the rear of the house and the addition of a one-story porch, the building's integrity of location, design, setting, materials workmanship, feeling and association has been retained.

Surrounding Environment

A small modern garage is located to the rear (north) of the house. A modern gazebo, as well as a mid-20th century shed, is sited to the east. A split-rail fence spreads along the south, east and west property. A metal rainbow roof barn, with concrete block walls and two silos, is located to the east of the house. Its condition is severely deteriorated. A modern convenience store and two non-significant wood-frame residences are located to the west of the property. The historic Rock Springs Hotel is located further west of the home, facing Highway 222 at the Crossroads.

It is important to note that the introduction of prominent transmission line towers, power lines, a radio tower with gas line, and the presence of non-conforming buildings, all within a 1/4 miles radius, has diminished the integrity of the rural setting.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SEE ATTACHED

Summary

According to the 1978 inventory form of this property (State Historic sites survey, Maryland Historical Trust CE 868, File #850), "The Lowe House is very significant architecturally to the small village of Rock Springs. It is one of the earliest and more substantial structures left in the town. The Lowe Family, as evidenced by the title search, owned a great deal of the property in and around town." The inventory also states that the home was constructed c. 1830-1850, based on a search of title transfers at the County Court House in Elkton.

Elaboration

Like the Rock Springs Hotel, the Lowe House was originally owned by the Lowe family. The Lowe's holdings included the land on which the two buildings are now located. In 1865, a title transfer from Elizabeth Lowe, Jesse Lowe, and Rebecca Davis to Joshua Lowe stated the following:

Excepting and reserving out of the aforementioned tracts or parcels of lands for the use of Elizabeth Lowe, sister of the said Joshua Lowe, the following privileges to be held by her during her natural life, that is to say, the use of two rooms in the brick house on said premises, one room up stairs the other down, situate[d] on the north east corner of said house with the use of garret over said rooms, and free ingress and egress along the passage and up the stairs leading to said rooms and garret, and the further privilege of the front yard next to public road and the use of as much fire wood, as she may need....¹

The basic center hall plan of the Lowe House was a common house form in Cecil County in the late 1700s, but experimentation with this plan was evidenced in the area in the early 1700s. With this plan, an entrance hall or passage provided a small foyer leading directly to the main staircase.² A parlor and dining room flanked the foyer.³ The popularity of the center hall plan continued into the mid-nineteenth century, without much modification, but it appears that there are exceptions. As with the Lowe House, a

¹ Title transfer, Elizabeth Lowe, et al, to Joshua Lowe. HRT 1/114, December 1965. See Paul B. Touart. Lowe House. Inventory Form for State Historic Sites Survey, Maryland Historic Trust. No. CE-868, File No. 850, September 6, 1978.

² Pamela James Blumgart, ed. *At the Head of the Bay: A Cultural and Architectural History of Cecil County, Maryland*. (Elkton, Maryland: The Cecil Historical Trust, Inc., 1996), 177.

³ *Ibid.*, 178.

slight variation on this traditional central hall plan includes a third first floor room to the rear of the main block, creating an "L" shape. This third room was often the location of the kitchen.⁴

Examples of two-story, three bay, center hall plan brick homes located in Cecil County and dating from the same period include the following: The Rich Neck House (c. 1820-1830), vicinity of Earleville; The Mount Pleasant Home (c. 1820-30), Earleville; Locust Thicket (c. 1820-30); Earleville; and the Brick House Farm (c. 1820-30), vicinity of Cecilton.

⁴ Ibid., 179.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CE 868

SEE ATTACHED

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one acreQuadrangle name Conowingo DamQuadrangle scale 1:24000UTM References do NOT complete UTM referencesA

Zone	Easting			Northing					

B

Zone	Easting			Northing					

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Verbal boundary description and justification

SEE ATTACHED. The surveyed property includes the entire parcel
historically associated with the Lowe House.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by
an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated
Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and
record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of
individual property rights.

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Key to Slides

Date: January 21, 2000

Photographer: C. Millstein

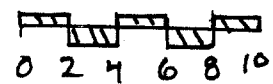
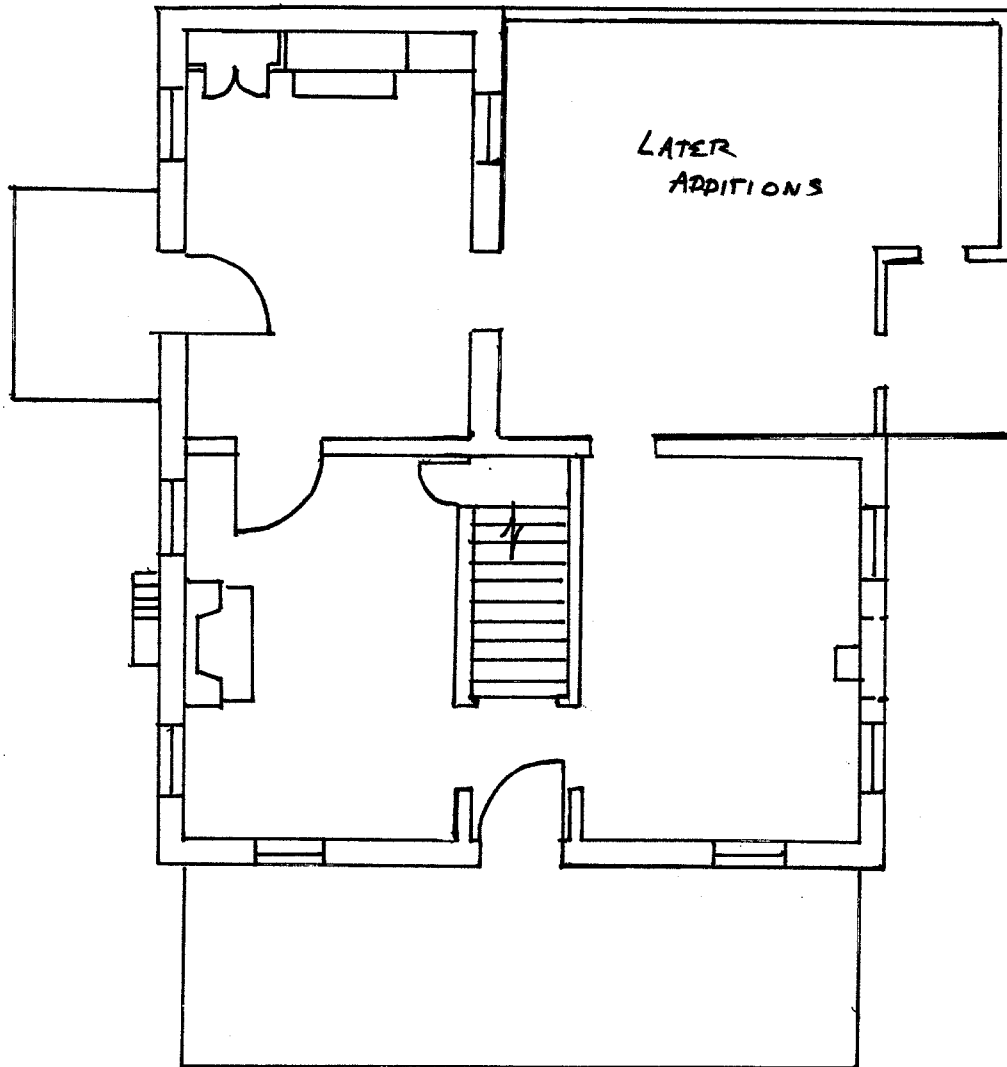
1. Main façade, view facing north.
2. Main and east façades, facing northwest.
3. Main and west façades, facing northeast.

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DEED OF CONVEYANCE

THIS DEED, made this 15th day of July, 1992 by and between Jonas S. Molt and Anna S. Molt, husband and wife, GRANTOR(S) and Roland J. Willard and Donna M. Willard, husband and wife, GRANTEE(S);

WITNESSETH:

That for and in consideration of the sum of Thirty Thousand and 00/100'S *** (\$30,000.00) Dollars, cash in hand paid and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged; the GRANTOR(S) do hereby grant and convey, in fee simple, unto the GRANTEE(S), his/her/their heirs and assigns, as tenants in common.

ALL THAT CERTAIN lot or parcel of land SITUATE in the 8th Election District of Cecil County, Maryland, being shown on a survey entitled "Addition of Land Survey for Roland Willard," as prepared by Will Whiteman Land Surveying, Inc., dated 6/18/92 and filed in the Cecil County Office of Planning and Zoning as Minor Subdivision No. 2475, and being further described as follows:

BEGINNING for the same at an iron pipe found on the easterly side of U.S. Route 222, said iron pipe marking the northwest corner of lands now of or formerly of Inez Allen (see deed in WAS 361/567); thence running with said easterly side of U.S. Route 222, North 39 degrees 19 minutes 53 seconds East, 808.31 feet to an iron pipe found at the southwest corner of lands now or formerly of R.C. Hoots (see deed in WAS 308/641) and running thence with said Hoots lands the following two (2) courses and distances: (1) South 55 degrees 30 minutes 16 seconds East, 224.95 feet to an iron pipe found, and (2) North 37 degrees 09 minutes 01 second East, 100.00 feet to an iron pipe found; thence by a new line of division through lands of Jonas Molt (see deed in NDS 76/807), South 55 degrees 30 minutes 16 seconds East, 84.77 feet to a point on the westerly line of lands now or formerly of Terry Olson (see deed in NDS 183/788) and running thence with said Olson lands and with lands now or formerly of Roland Willard (see deed in WAS 332/659), South 38 degrees 09 minutes 30 seconds West, 897.64 feet to a point; thence still running with said Willard lands and with the aforesaid lands of Allen, North 57 degrees 10 minutes 51 seconds West, 325.29 feet to the point of beginning.

CONTAINING: 6.0045 acres of land, more or less.

BEING A PART OF THE SAME PREMISES WHICH Robert E. Powl and Catharine S. Powl and Robert E. Powl, Jr. and Richard S. Powl and Thomas E. Powl, co-Partners, trading as Powl's Feed Service, by deed dated January 5, 1982 and recorded January 5, 1982 in Cecil County Land Records Office in Liber NDS 76, page 807, granted and conveyed unto Jonas S. Molt and Anna S. Molt, his wife, their heirs and assigns, as tenants by the entireties.

TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO the right to use in common with others a certain right of way for ingress, egress and regress as set forth in a Grant of Right of Way as recorded in Cecil County Land Records Office in Liber WAS 247, page 145.

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TOGETHER WITH the buildings and improvements thereon erected, made or being; and all and every rights and appertences thereto belonging.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said lot of ground and premises, above described and hereby intending to be conveyed; together with all and every rights and appertences thereto belonging to the proper use and benefit of the said Grantee(s), his/her/their heirs and assigns in FEE SIMPLE.

The Grantor(s) covenant that they will warrant SPECIALLY the property hereby conveyed, and that they will execute such other and further assurances thereof as may be requisite.

WITNESS the following signatures and seals:

[Signature of Jonae S. Molt]

[Signature of Jonae S. Molt]
Jonae S. Molt

[Signature of Anna Z. Molt]
Anna Z. Molt

STATE OF MARYLAND)
COUNTY OF CECIL) to wit:

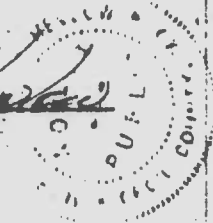
I, the undersigned Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, do hereby certify that Jonae S. Molt and Anna Z. Molt, husband and wife, whose names is/are signed to the foregoing Deed, dated 07/15/92 acknowledged the same before me in my State and County aforesaid.

Given under my hand and seal this 15th day of July, 1992.

My commission expires:

1/14/94

[Signature of Notary Public]
Notary Public



THIS is to certify that the within instrument was prepared by or under the supervision of the undersigned, an Attorney at Law, duly admitted to practice in the State of Maryland.

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[Signature of Frances M. Mack]
Frances M. Mack, Atty. at Law

CECIL COUNTY, MD
JUL 15 1992

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LEWIS R. JACKSON, JR., TREASURER

gd. 7/16/92

CONESTOGA TITLE
109 E. MAIN, SUITE 104
ELKTON, MD 21921
PHONE 301-392-5777
#1860 8-3-92

55,000.00

THIS DEED, made this 3rd day of June, 1974, by and between EMORY F. HOLBROOK and SARAH EVA HOLBROOK, his wife, parties of the first part and hereinafter referred to as GRANTORS, and ROLAND J. WILLARD and DONNA M. WILLARD, his wife, parties of the second part and hereinafter referred to as GRANTEES.

WITNESSETH that for and in consideration of the sum of TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) in hand paid, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and other good and valuable considerations, the said Grantors do hereby grant and convey unto Roland J. Willard and Donna M. Willard, his wife, their assigns, the survivor of them and the heirs and assigns of said survivor, as tenants by the entireties, forever, in fee simple, all that lot or parcel of land situate in the Eighth Election District of Cecil County, Maryland and more particularly described as all that lot or parcel of land owned by the Grantors, North of New Bridge Road, by Deed of Avery A. Holbrook and Annie M. Holbrook, his wife, dated March 31, 1959 and recorded among the Land Records of Cecil County in Liber W. A. S. No. 73, folio 547, containing 50.046 acres of land, according to a survey made by Harry F. Benson, dated August 23, 1960. EXCEPTING THEREOUT AND THEREFROM the following parcels of land:

(1). Emory F. Holbrook et ux., to John F. Garvin, III, et ux., Deed dated May 26, 1965 and recorded among the Land Records of Cecil County in Liber W. A. S. No. 172, folio 14, containing 1.25 acres of land.

(2). Emory F. Holbrook et ux., to Charles E. Cole and Janet Lee Cole, Deed dated June 1, 1967 and recorded among the Land Records of Cecil County in Liber W. A. S. No. 210, folio 282, containing 1 acres of land.

(3). Emory F. Holbrook et ux., to Charles E. Cole et ux., Deed dated December 16, 1969 and recorded among the Land Records of Cecil County in Liber W. A. S. No. 248, folio 651, containing 1 acre of land.

(4). Emory F. Holbrook et ux., to Kenneth D. Cole et ux., Deed dated June 12, 1968, and recorded among the Land Records of Cecil County in Liber W. A. S. No. 226, folio 522, containing 1 acre of land.

(5). Emory F. Holbrook et ux., to Donald L. Holbrook and Betty L. Holbrook, his wife, by Deed of even date herewith and recorded or intended to be recorded immedi-

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ately prior hereto, containing 0.04 acres of land, more or less.

(6). All that lot or parcel of land reserved by the Grantors herein and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING for the same at a nail now set in the edge of a driveway at the end of the South one hundred feet line of a parcel of land conveyed by and described in a Deed from Spurgeon L. Holbrook and wife to Emory F. Holbrook and wife, dated January 26, 1959 and recorded among the Land Records of Cecil County in Liber W. A. S. No. 71, folio 134, and running thence with the outline reversely and magnetically to date, North 35 degrees 16 minutes East, 100.0 feet and North 56 degrees 38 minutes West 135.0 feet, thence binding on the Northeasterly right-of way line of Route No. 222, North 35 degrees 16 minutes East 4.0 feet to an iron pipe set at the intersection with lands of Paul Connely; thence binding thereon South 61 degrees 00 minutes East, 187.2 feet to an iron pipe; thence leaving the outline and running for lines of division through and across the lands of the Grantors, South 32 degrees 03 minutes West 105.2 feet to an iron pipe; North 62 degrees 28 minutes West 38.9 feet to an iron spike, South 31 degrees, 15 minutes West 9.1 feet to a bott set in a driveway, and North 56 degrees 38 minutes West 19.0 feet to the place of beginning. Containing 0.16 acres of land, more or less.

THE LAND HEREIN CONVEYED BEING part of the land conveyed unto the Grantors by Deed of Avery A. Holbrook and Annie M. Holbrook, his wife, dated March 31, 1959 and recorded among the Land Records of Cecil County in Liber W. A. S. No. 73, folio 547.

TOGETHER with the buildings and improvements thereupon, and all and singular, the rights, ways, privileges, advantages and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining. SUBJECT NEVERTHELESS to all easements, rights of ways of public record.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the above granted premises, unto the said Roland J. Willard and Donna M. Willard, his wife, their assigns, the survivor of them and the heirs and assigns of said survivor, as tenants by the entireties, forever, in fee simple.

AND the said Grantors do hereby covenant that they will WARRANT SPECIALLY

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the premises hereby conveyed, and that they will execute such other and further assurances as may from time to time become requisite.

WITNESS the hands and seals of the Grantors herein.

Emory F. Holbrook (SEAL)
Emory F. Holbrook, Grantor

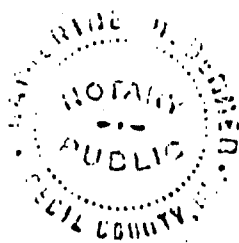
Sarah Eva Holbrook (SEAL)
Sarah Eva Holbrook, Grantor

Katherine M. Jenner
Witness

STATE OF MARYLAND, COUNTY OF CECIL, to wit:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 3rd day of June, 1973, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared EMORY F. HOLBROOK and SARAH EVA HOLBROOK, GRANTORS, who each acknowledged the foregoing Deed to be their respective act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal.



Katherine M. Jenner
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 7-1-74

A.D.No. 36459

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CHARLES M. HUESTER
ELKTON, MARYLAND
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ROCK SPRINGS

Roland Willard

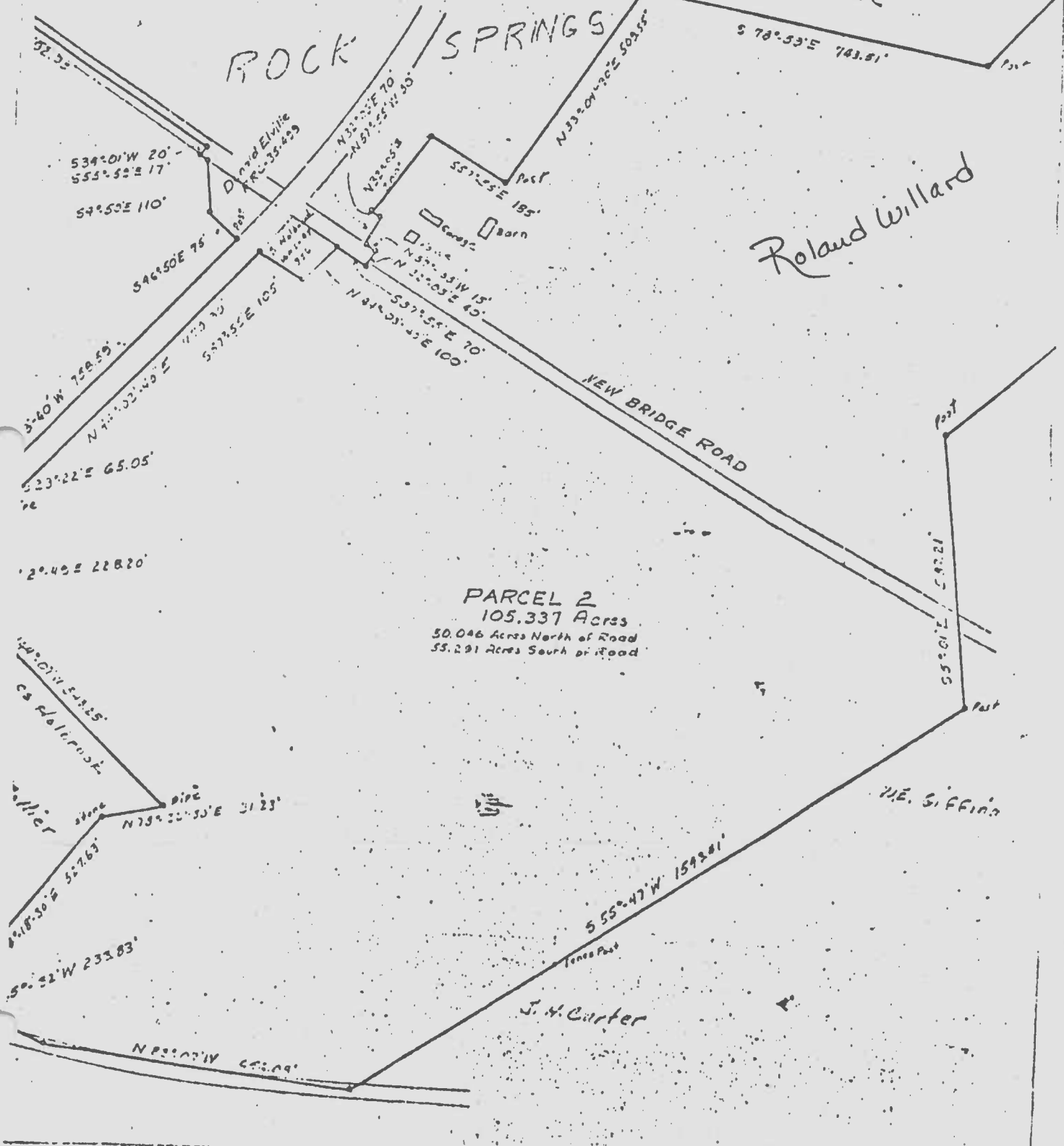
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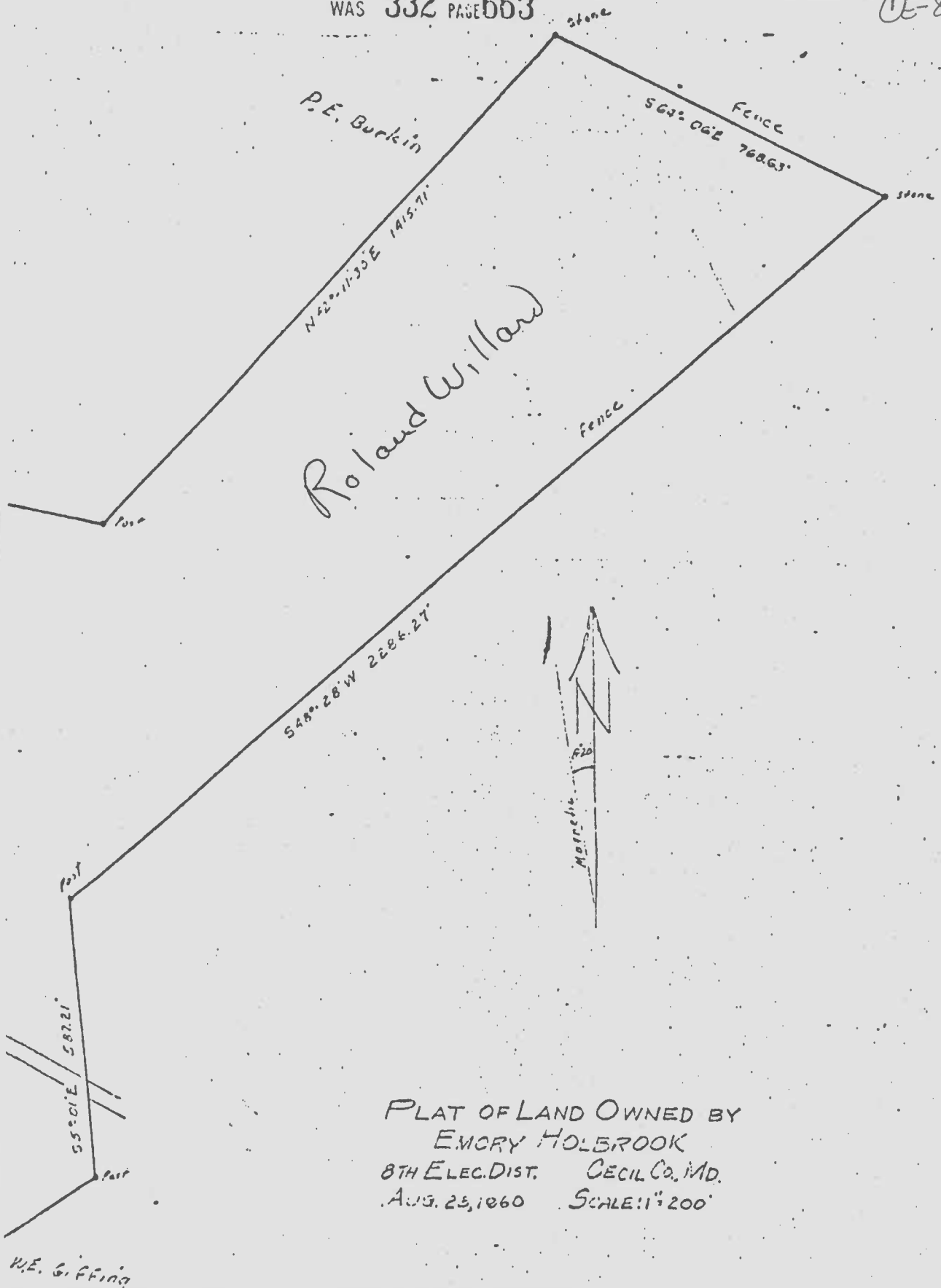
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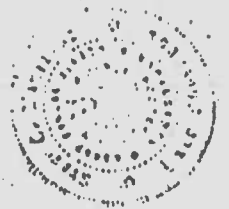
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J. V. Carter





PLAT OF LAND OWNED BY
 EMORY HOLBROOK
 8TH ELEC. DIST. CECIL CO., MD.
 AUG. 23, 1960 SCALE: 1" = 200'



HARRY F. BLANCHI, Surveyor
 413 PARK CIRCLE
 ELKTON, MD.



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LOWE, JOSHUA, HOUSE

CECIL CO., MD

KRISTI EISENBERG, 11/00

MD SHPO

SOUTH FACADE



The Lowe House

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Rock Springs Crossroads on Old Bridge Rd
Rock Springs, Cecil County, Maryland

main (south) and west facades
view facing northeast

January 21, 2000

C.E. Willstein, photographer



The Lowe House

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Rock Springs Crossroads on Old Bridge Rd
Rock Springs, Cecil County, Maryland

main (south) and west façades
view facing northeast

January 21, 2000

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Rock Springs Crossroads on Old Bridge Rd
Rock Springs, Cecil County, Maryland

main (south) facade
view facing north

January 21, 2000

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Rock Springs Crossroads On Old Bridge Rd
Rock Springs, Cecil County, Maryland

North facade
view facing south

January 21, 2000

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Rock Springs Crossroads on Old Bridge Rd
Rock Springs, Cecil County, Maryland

North and East Facades
view facing southwest

January 21, 2000

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The Lowe House

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Rock Springs Crossroads on Old Bridge Rd

Rock Springs. Cecil County, Maryland

east facade

view facing west

January 21, 2000

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Rock Springs Crossroads on Old Bridge Rd
Rock Springs, Cecil County, Maryland

main (south) and east façades
view facing northwest

January 21, 2000

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County land records rarely substantiate construction dates of houses on the property concerned. For the Lowe House, however, this does not apply. A 1865 title transfers from Elizabeth & Jesse Lowe, and Rebecca Davis to Joshua Lowe possession of tracts "Huckleberry Meadow" and "Clearview," HRT 1/114) with this clause.

"Excepting and reserving of the aforesentioned tracts or parcels of lands for the use of Elizabeth Lowe sister of the said Joshua Lowe the following priviledges to be held by her during her natural life, that is to say, the use of two rooms in the brick house on said premises, one room up stairs the other down, situate on the north east corner of said house with the use of Garret over said rooms, and free ingress and egress along the passage and up the stairs leading to said rooms and Garrett, and further priviledges of the front yard next to the public road and the use of as much firewood as she may need..."

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

File # 850

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Lowe House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

* Just east of Rock Springs crossroads on Connelly Road

CITY, TOWN

Rock Springs

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Roland Willard

Telephone #: 658-4599

STREET & NUMBER

Route 2, Box 422

CITY, TOWN

Rising Sun

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21911

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: WAS 332

Folio #: 659

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Lowe House c. 1830-1850 is on Connelly Road just east of Rock Springs Crossroads. The center hall brick house faces south with a east/west compass axis. The 1877 Lake Atlas designates the owner as S. L. Lowe.

The 2¹/₂ story common bond brick structure is three bays across and two bays deep. A 2¹/₂ story bay by 2 bay ell section, contemporary with the main block, extends off the back of the house. Later 19th Century single story shed roof porches are found on the south and west facades. A 20th Century single story addition is found on the inside part of the ell.

The brick house rests on an uncoursed stone basement. The common bond brick has a row of headers for every 7 courses of stretchers. The roof has a medium pitch with a composition tile roof. There are interior end stacks. The east one is stuccoed while the west one exposed brick. A three course brick cornice extends across each facade. The fenestration is symmetrical and the window sash are 6/6 with plain trim and extended sills and lintels. The main entrance has a three light transom and raised six panel door. There are also paneled reveals.

The front porch roof is supported by Victorian turned posts and a railing extends around the porch. The ends of the roof are decorated with saw-tooth edged boards. Corner brackets are also found and have a star motif in the center.

The east side of the house has similar detailing with the addition of a basement entrance in the center of the main block. The east end has also been partially stuccoed. (2bays - attic windows) The 20th Century shed roof frame addition (exists on inside part of ell) replaces an earlier frame wing that was two stories high. The present addition incorporates a dining room and pantry.

The north gable end of the brick ell addition is without much detail. There are plain barge boards and a common bond chimney stack.

The west side of the house has a one bay late 19th century porch which is similar to the front porch, only smaller. The fenestration is again symmetrical with 4 bays on the first floor and 4 on the second. A door is located in the second bay from the north which permits access into the ell addition. The windows have 6/6 lights and extended sills and lintels. Two four pane attic windows flank the chimney stack. A modern exterior stretcher bond stack has been added.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

The interior has not been radically altered outside the changes in room-use.

The main entrance opens into an inclosed dog-leg stair. A single room is found on either side of the hall. To the west is the present living room with an open fireplace and c. 1830-1840 mantel piece. The mantel has late Federal characteristics with fluted pilasters that support a 2 panel frieze with a central division block. Above the frieze is a bed molding which supports a heavy mantel shelf. A chair rail continues around the room and is fairly plain with a small beaded half round at the top. Incorporated into the chair rail and directly below the northwest window is a drawer. A small closet is located below the stair and a raised six panel door is attached to the plain surround.

The east room in the main block is presently the kitchen and has slightly different detailing. A variation occurs with the window and door surrounds. The top board is slightly sloped downward from the center and is typical of the Egyptian Revival detail only more plain. The room never had an open fireplace, only a stove stack present.

The first floor of the ell contains what probably was the kitchen. It has a large fireplace with a fairly plain mantel shelf and frieze. Open and closed cupboards flank the chimney stack.

The second floor of the main block has very plain window and door surrounds. There is a small plain Empire Mantel in the south west bedroom. The attic stair is inclosed from the second floor. Four panel doors and porcelain knobs remain.

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lowe House is very significant architecturally to the small village of Rock Springs. It is one of the earliest and more substantial structures left in the town. The Lowe Family, as evidenced by the title search, owned a great deal of the property in and around town. The brick home remains with its exterior basically intact and most of its interior woodwork. The house closely relates to another in the general area.

Local tradition links this house and the operation of a store in the late 19th and early 20th centurys.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE _____

COUNTY _____

STATE _____

COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul B. Touart Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

DATE

9/6/78

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

398-7568

CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

WAS 332/659	Emory and Sarah Eva Holbrook
6/3/1974	to Roland and Donna Willard 6 exceptions to deed
WAS 73/547	Avery Holbrook
3/31/1959	to Emery and Sarah Eva Holbrook Two tracts now comprising one tract - part
WEB 10/407	Jacob Steele
7/5/1938	to Avery Holbrook
WEB 10/235	Albert Constable (assigne) John L. Daughton Lillie C. Daughton
6/8/1938	to Jacob Steele 144½ acres
WEB 5/35	Jacob Steele
8/15/1936	to John L. Daughton Lillie C. Daughton
WEB 2/295	Joshua Clayton (Attorney)
2/26/1936	to Jacob Steele
SRA 13/404	Sarah D. and Edward E. Dawson
	to Joshua Clayton
	Sarah E. Lowe
	to Sarah D. Dawson (will)
	Same part of two tracts called "Huckleberry Meadow" and "Clearview"
Will L 19/427	Silas J. Lowe
9/8/1897	to Sarah E. Lowe
	Equity Case No. 5037
	From Joshua Lowe HRT 3/141
HRT 3/141	Joshua Lowe
8/20/1867	to Silas J. Lowe \$500 - 147 acres 2 tracts Clearview Huckleberry Meadow

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12/1865

Elizabeth Lowe 1/3 interest
Jesse Lowe 1/3 interest
Rebecca Davis 1/3 interest
to

Joshua Lowe

"Excepting and reserving out of the aforementioned tracts or parcels of lands for the use of Elizabeth Lowe sister of the said Joshua Lowe the following priveleges to be held by her during her natural life, that is to say, the use of two rooms in the brick house on said premises, one room up stairs the other down, situate on the north east corner of said house with the use of garret over said rooms, and free ingress and egress along the passage ~~the passage~~ and up the stairs leading to said rooms and garret, and the further priveledge of the front yard next to public road and the use of as much fire wood, as she may need..."

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9/27/1828

Joshua Lowe, Ruth, Rebecca, Elizabeth Lowe
to

Jesse Lowe

440 acres -Huckleberry Meadow and Clearview
Boundary description.

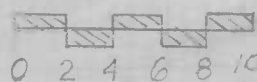
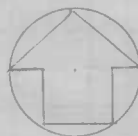
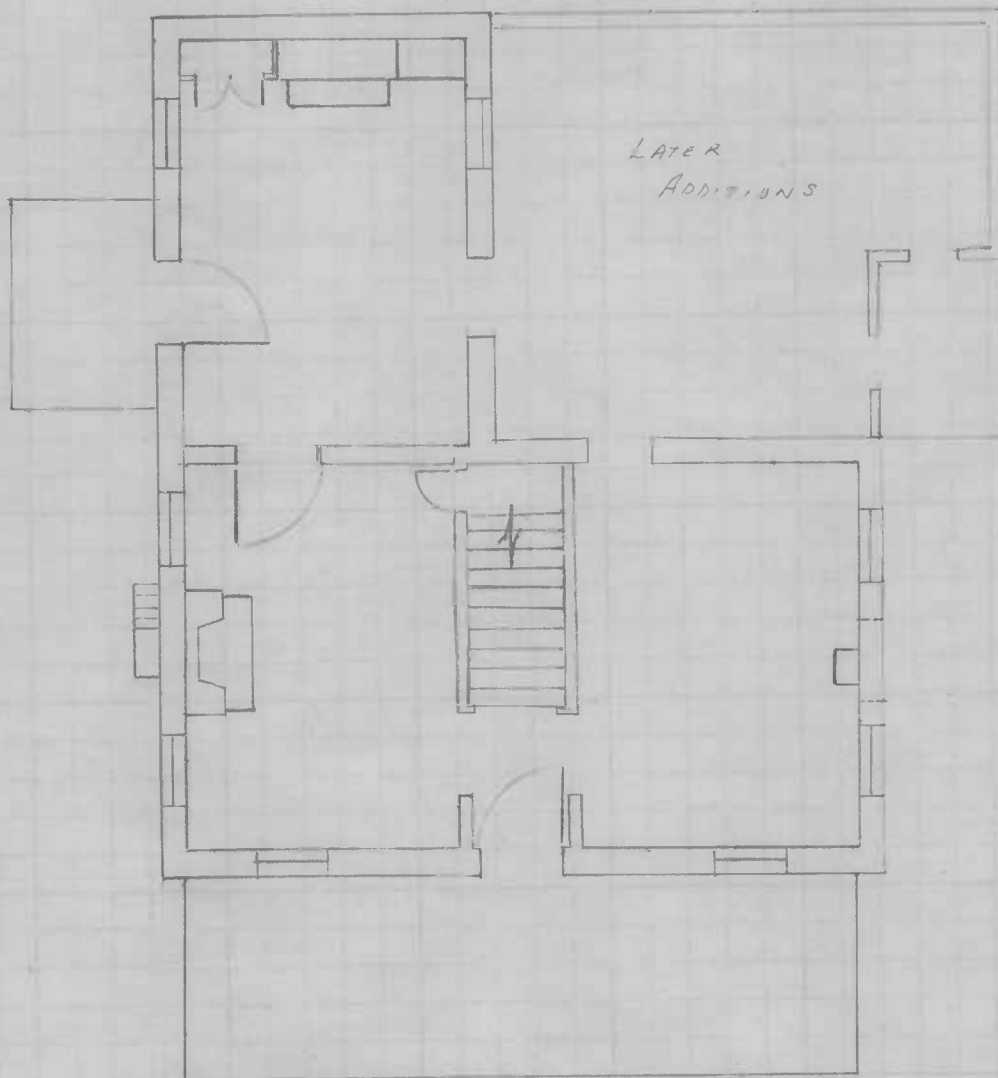
Acreage split up - 1 parcel 147½

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42'30"
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RISING SUN 3.3 MI.
PHILADELPHIA, PA. 58 MI.

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4393
(RISING SUN)
5763 II NE

CONOWINGO
DAM
QUAD.

4392
40'
4391



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LOVE HOUSE

ROCK SPRINGS, MD.

~~CLARK~~ WEST ELEVATION

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LOWE HOUSE

SOUTH ELEVATION

ROCK SPRINGS, MD.

3/80 PBT

NEG. / MD. HIST. TRUST



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LOWE HOUSE

ROCK SPRINGS, MD.

WEST PARKER MANTLE

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CLARKY BACK COUNTRY

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NK BAKER GARDEN

BUTTER LEMON

LOVE HOUSE

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EAST ELEVATION

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Another front view of house



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Southeast view of house



Doors on northeast side
of house. and cupboard doors.

Bedroom



More Fancy woodwork in
the southeast front room



another view of Caplands
Door in northeast side of
house



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Dark picture, showing
rounded side of windows



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Southeast view of house



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North + West view of house



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Another front view



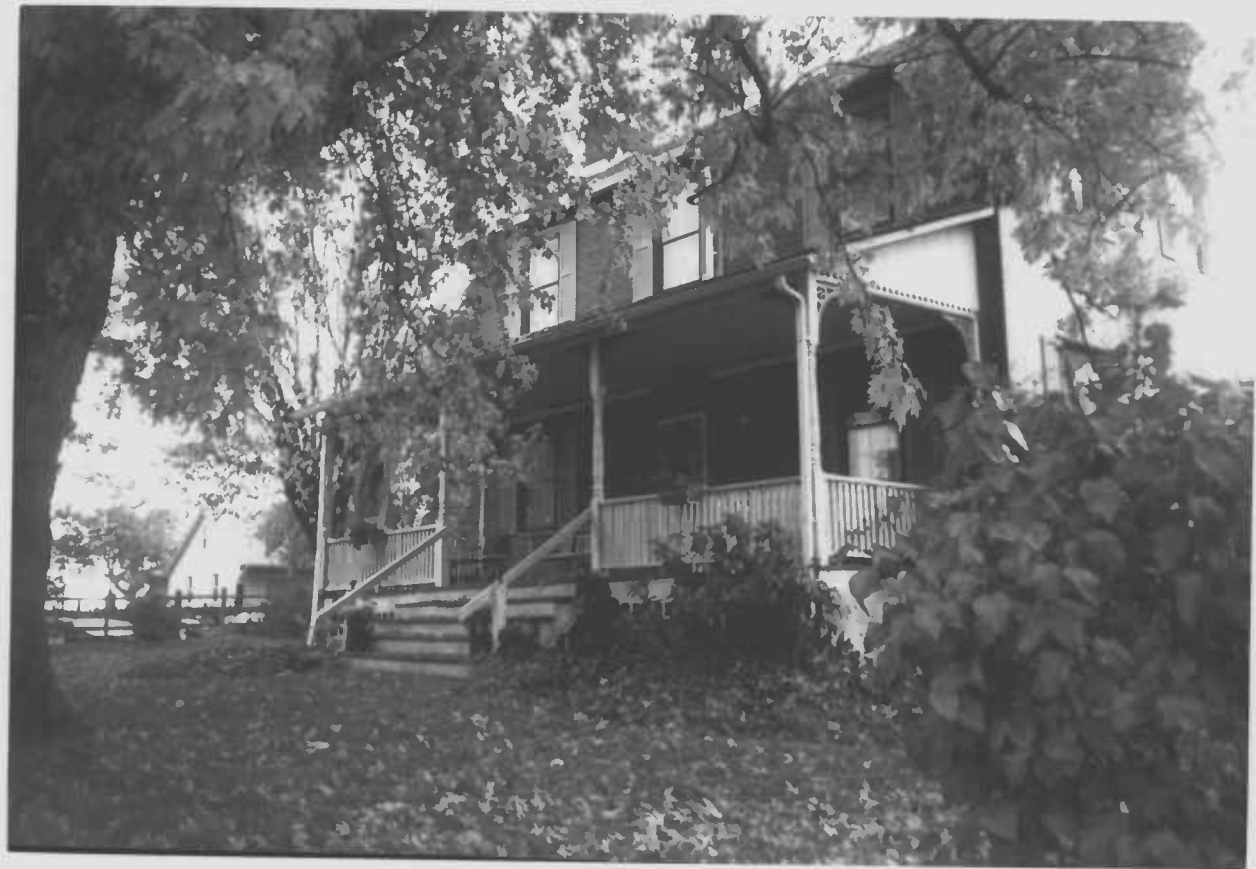
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West view of house



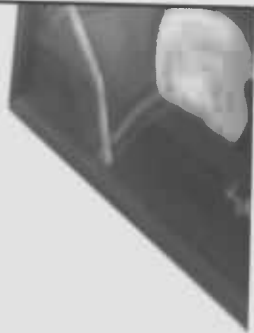
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Another west view of house



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Front view and porch
with gingerbread



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Front door with view
from top of steps. Original
door knob.



View going up the stairs
Original steps.



Mantle in upstairs bedroom.
Southwest room.



Mantel in the room
with drawers under window
Southwest side



Cypress door with
original hardware.
Southwest side



Drawer under window
Southwest front room.



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Cupboard doors in what
was the kitchen



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Northwest room was
the kitchen at one time.



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MANTEL, SW ROOM, 2ND FL.



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DOOR W/ORIG. HARDWARE, SW ROOM



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CUPBOARD, NW ROOM



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DRAWER UNDER WINDOW, SW ROOM



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VIEW FROM NORTHWEST